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Alumni E-Connections - January 2010

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Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

The Alumni Association is moving into the new year with a fresh new look.

We hope you enjoy our new and improved *Alumni E-Connections* newsletter. You should find this new format easier to read.

This year, we hope you take advantage of the many programs, events and services that are available to our alumni. Highlighted below are some of our upcoming events.

Visit the alumni website to view past editions of the e-newsletter and our bi-annual print newsletters, *Alumni Connections*.

I'll continue to send you updates from time to time to keep you up-to-date. But feel free to visit our website at www.govst.edu/alumni for up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

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It's GSU Calling

GSU students want to talk with you about the past, present and future of GSU! Student callers will be reaching out starting Sunday, February 21 to hear about your GSU experience, share details on what is happening on campus now, and to ask for your support of scholarships for future GSU students. Please take a moment to talk with these eager and talented GSU phone-a-thon student callers who are very interested in your GSU perspective.

Please note, should you choose to make a gift to GSU through the phone-a-thon, it is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. You can also make a gift today on line at www.govst.edu/donate.

We look forward to reconnecting with you!

Arizona Special Event—March 28

Hard to believe when you look out the window but spring training is just around the corner! Need a great get away in March to escape our Chicagoland winter?

Join GSU friends and alumni on March 28 in Glendale, Arizona, for the White Sox – Kansas City pre-season game at 1:05 p.m. in Camelback Stadium for popcorn, peanuts and good old-fashioned fun in the Arizona sun. Tickets are \$50.

We will have access to a skybox, as well as reserved stadium seats in the shade for this Sunday afternoon game. Lots of fun and laughter are expected as we meet new friends and renew acquaintances.

To reserve game tickets or for more information, call 708.534.4105 or email mmeeeks@govst.edu.

Singing with the Stars

Have you ever dreamed of being a Broadway star? GSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to audition for a singing role in [Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway](#) at The Center for Performing Arts. Join the stars of Broadway on stage for one night only.

- Singing auditions: Thursday, February 18
- Callbacks (top five): Thursday, February 25
- Performance: Sunday, March 14

For more information, rules, and the audition form, visit [The Center for Performing Arts](#) or call 708.235.2222.

Doug Glanville Visits GSU—February 5

A "Conversation with Doug Glanville" will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 5, in GSU's Engbretson Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

As an op-ed columnist for the New York Times, Glanville draws on his experience as a player for the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies to speak about the culture of sports and how a life in baseball represents the human condition, complete with triumph and setbacks, passion and disillusionment.

His widely popular column, Heading Home, led to his soon-to-be-published book, *The Game*

From Where I Stand. Further demonstrating Glanville's values and respect for the power and use of an education, he has put his University of Pennsylvania engineering degree to good use by founding GK Alliance, LLC, a green-friendly real estate development company specializing in residential building and franchising in Chicago western suburbs.

Glanville continues to promote his love of learning by helping others reach their potential through both his public speeches and the service organizations in which he is an active member. He serves on the board of Athletes Against Drugs, the fundraising committee of Chicago's Boundless Readers, and as a mentor to high school student-athletes and their parents in his Ask Doug column for Baseball Factory.

Glanville currently works as a baseball insider for XM Radio's MLB Home Plate - Power Alley and as a contributor with Comcast SportsNet Chicago.

For additional information regarding this event, please contact Penny Perdue at 708.534.4130, or pperdue@govst.edu.

Discussion on Healthcare Leadership - February 2

The Healthcare Administration Department of the College of Health and Human Services at Governors State University will be hosting a free Distinguished Lecture featuring Mr. Quint Studer, CEO of the Studer Group, who will be speaking on his book *Straight A Leadership* - what will it take new healthcare leaders to lead with a quality focus in times of drastic change.

The Studer Group is considered by many to be the main impetus for developing tools and techniques for healthcare organizations attaining great results. He is known as a change agent and thought leader in health care today because he so aptly links a sustained focus on service, quality, employee and patient satisfaction with growth and bottom-line results.

Mr. Studer is a nationally recognized speaker and a published author. His first book, *Hardwiring Excellence*, was a *BusinessWeek* best seller and currently has over 380,000 copies in use nationwide. *Results that Last*, was written for a general business audiences and in just four weeks, hit the Wall Street Journal's best seller list of business books. His new book, *Straight A Leadership*, teaches corporations in every industry how to develop standardized leadership practices that ensure success will last longer than individual leaders.

This Distinguished Lecture will be held at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. at 5 p.m. Sponsors for this event include Ingalls Health System, Advocate South Suburban Hospital and Metro South Medical Center. This event is free and open to the public.

The Center for Performing Arts Upcoming Events **Add Sizzle and Sparkle to your New Year at The Center this January!**

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago makes a triumphant return to [The Center](#) on Saturday, January 23, at 8 p.m.

The company performs its exuberant, athletic and innovative repertoire including a preview of a new work by company member Terence Marling, the company debut of 27'52" by Nederlands Dans Theater Resident Choreographer Jirí Kylián and more.

And, welcome to [The Cabaret at The Center](#)—it's Hot Jazz, Cool Blues! Low Prices with ALL seating ON stage -- Up close and Personal with the Performers!

Experience amazing bands in an intimate setting with full cash bar and snacks available for purchase. Jazz and gypsy swing band Harmonious Wail kicks off the series on Saturday, January 30 at 8 p.m.

For tickets call 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Winter Events

Come and "be cool" by participating in our winter events at the [Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park](#)! Contact the park office at 708.534.4486 or email sculpture@govst.edu with questions.

Winter Walk in the Park - January 31

Join park director Geoffrey Bates for the 3rd Annual Winter Walk. The silent, often snow-covered stillness of the landscape highlights the presence of each artwork. Visitors will gather in the Hall of Governors near Terrence Karpowicz's Art Ark. The walk will last about an hour-and-a-half, so bundle up! Sunday, January 31 at 2 p.m. Admission is FREE.

Docent Orientation Classes begin in February

This is a great way to learn more about the park, meet others who share your interest in art, and help GSU's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park grow its programming and volunteer base!



Docents provide the backbone for activities that occur at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Knowledgeable about the collection, its history, and the prairie, docents guide our many tours, help implement events, and contribute in a real, vital manner to the growth of our organization.

Our docent orientation program consists of 7 evening meetings during which park director Geoffrey Bates delivers a lively introduction to art history, art appreciation, dealing with the public, the story of the NMSP, and other topics. The program culminates with a Saturday morning tour of the park on April 15. Docents are always the first to hear of park developments and special programming opportunities! Come join this exciting group and help us build on our current momentum.

\$30 - includes refreshments, your docent handbook, a continental breakfast before your tour of the park in April, and upon graduation, your official Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park docent cap.

Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Room G-262 (includes a break with light refreshments):

- Session One February 4 Museums and Docents
- Session Two February 18 A History of GSU's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park
- Session Three March 4 Looking at Art
- Session Four March 18 Paleolithic – Rome
- Session Five April 1 Early Christian – 19th Century
- Session Six April 8 Modernism & Post-Modernism
- Session Seven April 15 Artists of the park
- Session Eight April 17 Tour of the (Saturday – includes continental breakfast)

8:30 a.m. to Noon Tour of the park.

Dr. Terry L. Allison Named Next GSU Provost



On Wednesday, January 6, President Maimon announced that Dr. Terry L. Allison has been named as the next Provost of Governors State University. Dr. Allison will join the GSU staff in early July.

With 19 years of experience and multiple leadership roles at two California State University campuses, Dr. Allison is exceptionally qualified for the Provost's position at GSU.

Upon his appointment, Dr. Allison said:

"I am so pleased that the Provost Search Committee as well as President Maimon and her management team have placed confidence in me to serve as Provost during the next phase of GSU's growth. I look forward to working with the GSU university community to expand access to high quality education in the region the campus serves. If you watched the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, you know I'll miss California weather. But having lived in New York City and the Los Angeles area, I look forward to enjoying all that America's Second City and the surrounding area have to offer."

Free Conference: "Current Strategies for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment within the LGBT Community"

Chicago Lakeshore Hospital and GSU's College of Health and Human Services invite you to this informative conference on Friday, February 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sherman Music Hall here at GSU. This event, lunch, and six CEUs are provided at no cost.

6 CEUs are provided (IAODAPCA CEUs applied for). The event, lunch, and CEUs are provided by Chicago Lakeshore Hospital and Governors

State University at no cost to you.

- Presented by: Raven James, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Addictions Studies, Governors State University and Kevin Osten, Psy.D., Clinical Director of Valeo and Outpatient Services, Chicago Lakeshore Hospital
- When: Friday, February 19, 2010
- Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m. - Registration
9 a.m. to Noon - Lecture
Noon to 1 p.m. - Lunch
1 to 4 p.m. - Lecture
- Where: Sherman Music Recital Hall, Governors State University

Don't miss this informative conference. To register, call 773.907.4554.

Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources Workshop

GSU is hosting a one-day Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources workshop on February 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop teaches new substitute teachers what to expect, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control and how to follow the teacher's lesson plans.

The State of Illinois offers substitute teacher certification to those with a bachelor's degree in any subject. Instruction on how to apply for the certificate is also included in the presentation. The academy provides ideas and activities subs can adapt and use in any school and any grade

While no special skills are required to get a substitute teacher certificate, many school districts encourage their subs, whether certified teachers or not, to take special substitute teacher workshops, such as this one, to familiarize themselves with the process and pitfalls of subbing.

Participants must hold a bachelor's degree and register by February 15. Registration is limited to 40 participants. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch and materials.

The Substitute Teacher Academy will be held in the Hall of Honors and is sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute of Leadership in Education (MILE) and the College of Education. For more information and to register, call 708.534.4024.

GSU Visual Arts Gallery Hosts Juried Art Exhibition

GSU's Visual Arts Gallery is proud to host the 2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition. Exhibition dates are March 4–26, with a closing reception on March 26 from 1 to

3 p.m. Award winners will be announced at 2 p.m. The Juror is Kathleen Scarboro. There will be up to \$1,000 in awards, including \$300 for *Best of Show*.

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery Hours are Monday–Thursday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information, call 708.534.4021.

The following Exhibition rules apply:

- There is no fee to enter this exhibition.
- Artists may submit up to three original works in any medium.
- Entry is open to any student currently enrolled in an Illinois community or junior college.
- Works must have been completed during the last two academic years.
- Works previously entered into this exhibition are ineligible.
- Deadline for Entries: February 15, 2010.
- All accepted entries must be framed/wired/ready for hanging or installation.
- Artists are responsible for transit of work.
- Accepted work must be received during normal business hours, no later than March 2.
- Pick up of work can be made after the March 26 closing reception.

For more information call 708.534.4021 or artsgrad@govst.edu
